

COLD WEATHER KILLING GAME

Unable to Get Food From
Frozen Ground.

PASSING OF WATER FOWL

Quail and Other Wild Birds and Beasts
Are Succumbing to Rigor-
ous Winter.

Unless the weather moderates within a day or two there is not likely to be any waterfowl left along the Eastern coast for next season.

Word was received at the Department of Agriculture today that ducks and other feathered creatures are freezing and starving to death all along the coast in large numbers.

The greatest sufferers are the birds that make their homes in the winter in the waters from Massachusetts south.

Among these species are the already scarce wood duck, marsh hens, and several kinds of geese.

For the first time since 1888 every river from Virginia north has been frozen over and the ducks and other birds are being driven into the deep for food to break into the seeds and roots of the frozen ground.

Starving to Death.

Weakened by starvation, the ducks have fallen easy victims to the intense cold. Heretofore it has not been unusual for hunters and others to pick up single ducks dying of starvation, but reports received today say whole flocks are now being exterminated.

One report from New York says school children are picking up ducks all along the Hudson river from Newburg north.

From Norfolk it is stated that all waters are frozen, and that ducks are dying in hundreds, while some, encased in ice, are being found in the approaches to houses and feeding with tame fowls.

The waterfowl are not the only birds, however, said an officer of the department this morning, "that are dying from cold and hunger. All wild creatures in the Northeast are suffering and dying. Their food has been frozen away from them, and if there are to be any birds next year, farmers and sportsmen should turn to at once and begin feeding quail and like species."

"We have heard that in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the other States quail and other wild birds have been driven into farm yards for something to eat, and that instead of feeding them and caring for them for breeding purposes next year, farmers and their children are killing them. This treatment means extinction."

"Bob White," the famous carrier pigeon, the wild bird that at one time carried his long legs, and his wings, and his numbers. A few winters like we are now experiencing, and no protection by law, will soon finish "Bob White." His pretty notes have always been one of the welcome tones of the near fields, for he has been steadily toward civilization, and lived close to the farmhouse.

Passing of the Quail.

"This has been the cause of his undoing. Now he is appealing to these farmhouses for help, and his death follows the appeal. This is murder. The quail is valuable to all farmers as an insect destroyer. He eats up many slugs, worms, and bugs generally of the destructive kind as a chicken."

Just what is the effect upon the wild birds of the District the terrible cold has had may be imagined by an investigation into the state of the birds. Even the District's sparrow has died in numbers about the structure. Others are so weak they flutter only a few feet when disturbed, sinking back upon the snow, little feathered ruffies of despondency. Over in Virginia, the crows are fighting with the barnyard fowls for their rations.

MARRIED.

GOOCH-NEURATH-In Alexandria, Va., on December 28, 1904, by the Rev. John H. E. Ewell, G. EYON GOOCH and E. E. NEURATH, both of Washington, D. C.

DIED.

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Spain to Rebuild Navy At the King's Behest

Scheme for Construction of Eight Ironclads,
Ten Cruisers, and Fifty Smaller Vessels
to Be Presented Shortly.

MADRID, Feb. 16.—The minister of marine, Senor Cobian, has prepared a scheme for the construction of eight ironclads, ten first-class cruisers, and fifty smaller vessels, at a cost of \$90,000,000 pesetas.

The scheme will be presented in the chamber shortly. The work on the new

THIS JUDGE WOULD FLOG ALL CRIMINALS

Baldwin, of Connecticut, Says Such
Punishment Is Most
Corrective.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 16.—Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, of the Connecticut supreme court, has just urged the Legislature of the State to pass a bill establishing the whipping post.

The bill provides for five days' imprisonment for beating a wife, daughter or mother, with a private whipping as the climax.

Judge Baldwin is in favor of extending the punishment to robbery with cruel treatment.

In his arguments in favor of the punishment for beating a wife, daughter or mother, with a private whipping as the climax.

"Our fathers used it perhaps too freely, but it proved effectual and cheap. I believe better work is accomplished with boys by flogging them than by sending them to reform schools."

"We have heard much lately from a new school which seems to teach that criminals are to be petted rather than punished. Boys and men are seldom made better by being sent to reformatories. They often graduate into the jails and prisons."

"I believe that we should get as near to natural punishment as possible, and flogging is such a punishment."

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Hyomel the Only Cure for Catarrh,
Which Returns Your Money if Not
Satisfactory.

It is seldom that a druggist has enough faith in the medicine he sells even when prepared by himself, to be willing to refund the money if it does not cure; but Hyomel has cured so many cases of catarrh among the customers of Henry Evans, 22 and 24 B Street northwest, that he offers to refund the money to all who use it and report that they are not satisfied.

Hyomel is the simplest and most convenient remedy for catarrh ever offered to the public. Breathed through an inhaler so small that it can be carried in the vest pocket, for a few minutes four times a day, it will absolutely kill all the germs of catarrh and cure the disease. Catarrh cannot exist where Hyomel is used. It has a two-fold action, killing all the germs in the air passages and lungs and soothing and healing the irritated mucous membrane.

Some of the most prominent men and women of the country have gladly given testimonials to Hyomel. After seeking relief in vain for years this wonderful remedy has cured them of catarrh, and it is no wonder that they want others to know of it.

D. O. Groff, editor of the Nicholasville, Ky., News, writes: "Ever since I was a young man I have been troubled with catarrh, and in later years the disease became unbearable. Hyomel has helped me so much that I wish to publicly speak of its merits, so that others afflicted as I have been may be likewise benefited."

If you have catarrh, accept Henry Evans' proposition and use Hyomel. The complete outfit of Hyomel costs but \$1, and consists of an inhaler, a medicine dropper, and a bottle of Hyomel.

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FINANCIAL RUIN THREATENS TOWN

Unable to Discharge Judg-
ment Against It.

TAXES MORE THAN PROPERTY

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Financial ruin threatens the little town of Emsworth, on the shores of Chichester Harbor, Sussex, and this is how the trouble has been brought about:

For its alleged negligence in allowing the town's sewage to pollute his oyster bed, J. D. Foster claimed \$75,000 damages from the local district council.

Through eating Emsworth oysters at a Winchester banquet several deaths are alleged to have ensued, and several guests, including the Dean of Winchester, were taken ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Justice Walton has decided that the district council was liable, and gave judgment against it with costs, but reserved the question of damages and granted no injunction.

The costs of the present action have had to be raised by a special rate, and in order to pay the \$75,000 claimed an additional rate of 25 shillings in the pound would have to be levied—an imposition no Emsworth resident would be prepared to meet.

Nervousness

Read my offer—a full dollar's worth of
my Remedy free to try—without
deposit or risk or prom-
ise to pay.

Nervousness, fretfulness, restlessness, sleeplessness, irritability—all are the outward signs of inward nerve disturbance. The fault is not with the nerves which give you warning—not with the nerves which enable you to feel, to walk, to talk, to think, to see. But the INSIDE nerves—the automatic power nerves—these are the nerves that work wears out and worry breaks down.

I have not room here to explain how these tender, tiny nerves control and operate the stomach, the heart, the kidneys, the liver. How excesses and strains and overindulgence destroy their delicate fibers. How, through a bond of sympathy, weakness in one center is conveyed to each of the other centers.

How this same bond of sympathy produces the outward signs of nervousness which should warn us of the trouble within. I have not room to explain how these nerves may be reached and strengthened and vitalized and made well by a remedy I spent thirty years in perfecting—now known by druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. I have not room to explain how this remedy, by removing the cause, puts a certain end to all forms of nervousness, inward and outward, including fretfulness, restlessness, sleeplessness, irritability. All of these things are fully explained in the book I will send you when you write.

In more than a million homes my remedy is known, and relied upon. Yet you may not have heard of it. So I make this offer to you, a stranger, that every possible excuse for doubt may be removed. Send no money—make no promise—take no risk. Simply write and ask. If you have never tried my remedy I will send you an order on your druggist for a full dollar bottle—not a sample, but the regular standard bottle he keeps constantly on his shelves. He will accept my order as cheerfully as though your dollar lay before him. He will send the bill to me.

Will you accept this opportunity to learn, at MY EXPENSE ABSOLUTELY, how to be rid forever of all forms of nervousness—to be rid not only of the trouble, but of the very cause which produced it? Write today.

For a free order Book 1 on Dyspepsia, for a full dollar bottle—Book 2 on the Heart. If you must address Book 3 on the Kidneys. Dr. Shoop, Box D766, Racine, Wis. State Book 4 for Women. Which book you want. Book 5 for Men. Which book you want. Book 6 on Rheumatism.

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DEATH RECORD.

Phelo G. Coleman, 82, 2318 13th st. nw. Clarence Coates, 28, Sibley Hospital.

Trula May Norton, 2 months, 807 3d st. sw. Daniel Johnson, 32, Washington Asylum Hosp.

Margaret Callan, 51, 704 New Jersey ave. nw. Catherine Grace Kirk, 56, 127 A st. ne.

Wm. Sennet, 49, Washington Asylum Hospital. Morris G. Vandewater, 49, 1903 F st. nw.

Julia Murrell, 42, The Augusta. Ethel Field, 5 months, 315 U st. nw.

Edward Bonner, 48, 628 20th st. nw. Morris Hill, 1 month, 711 Florida ave. nw.

Collins Lucas, 24, 1209 Half st. sw. Clarence M. Vail, 24, Geo. Wash. Univ. Hosp.

Robert S. V. Talbert, 62, 1416 14th st. nw. Anna Masters Arnold, 79, 1842 P st. ne.

Walter Edwards, 31, 915 U st. nw. James A. Peak, 41, Homeopathic Hospital.

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Fought Duel to Death Over Ten-Cent Key

Two New York Italians, Once the Best of
Friends, Shot Each Other Down in a
Dark Cellar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Down in the

dark cellar of the five-story tenement house at 923 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, not penetrated by the faintest ray of light, two Italians fought a pistol duel which resulted in the death of both.

With almost unerring aim they fired the murderous shots at each other, guiding their aim by the flashes from the pistols. They had gone to the cellar with the deliberate intention of killing each other, their murderous fury having been aroused because of a quarrel about the possession of a key.

John Marattato, twenty-one years old, and Joseph Vallo, twenty-seven, both married and living with their families on the second floor of the house in which the shooting took place, were the combatants in the underground duel.

While the two men were firing at each other the wives and children of both men breathlessly hung over the balustrade, waiting to hear the shots ring out.

As second after second passed and there came no sound from the cellar other tenants joined the group on the second floor. In silence they awaited the result of the inevitable encounter.

Six Shots Rang Out.

Then six shots rang out in rapid succession. A minute more of deep silence throughout the building; then came a general rush to the cellar. Marattato was found five feet from the body of

Vallo. An hour later Marattato died in the Cumberland Street Hospital, and two families were left fatherless because of a little brass key, worth 10 cents at the most.

Neighbors said yesterday that Marattato and Vallo had been friends for years. Up to a week ago they never were known to have a quarrel.

Then came the dispute about the key. Mrs. Vallo insisted it was her key; Mrs. Marattato insisted it belonged to her, and she would not give it up. The dispute reached an acute stage on last Monday, and the quarrel became more bitter yesterday morning.

About 2 p. m. the two men met in the hallway on the second floor.

"Are you going to give me that key?" asked Marattato.

"No; and I want you to stop bothering me about it," retorted Vallo.

"If you don't give it to me right off I'll do more than bother you," snapped Marattato. "I'll take it and I'll do it right now."

Had Fist Fight First.

Vallo dared the other man to try to take the key. There was a fight. The wives of the combatants rushed into the hallway and urged them on to further effort. As the hallway is narrow the men could not fight with the freedom they desired; so one suggested they go to the cellar.

"If I do you'll never come up alive," said the other.

"Well, you come downstairs and have it out," said the first man.

Then came the period of ominous silence; then the fatal shots.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A passenger train on the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley and Pittsburgh Railroad, which left Titusville yesterday morning, reached here today, having taken nearly twenty-four hours to make a ninety-one mile run, owing to the deep snow-drifts.

Other trains were similarly delayed.

FAST TROTTER KILLED BY FLYING TRAIN

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 16.—John G. Anderson's splendid trotting mare Julia, left in the care of a boy at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Tyrone yesterday, ran away, taking a course over the railroad tracks.

Following the rails over a bridge, the mare ran directly for an approaching passenger train, was struck and knocked over a high embankment, dying instantly.

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Friday's Sale of Odds and Ends

At this time of the year "small lots" are constantly accumulating, and Fridays are the special days on which we dispose of them. Tomorrow the list of offerings is particularly interesting.

We also desire to call your attention once more to

Our Special Sale of "Saks-Made" Winter Weight Clothing

We are offering our entire line of Winter Overcoats and Fancy Mixture Suits at prices below actual cost. The following price reductions hold good for the time being:

OVERCOATS SUITS

\$10.00 Overcoats	At \$8.75	\$10.00 Suits	At \$8.75
\$12.50 Overcoats	At \$11.75	\$12.50 Suits	At \$11.75
\$15.00 Overcoats	At \$12.50	\$15.00 Suits	At \$12.50
\$30.00 Overcoats	At \$22.50	\$30.00 Suits	At \$22.50
\$35.00 Overcoats	At \$26.75	\$35.00 Suits	At \$26.75
\$40.00 Overcoats	At \$26.75	\$40.00 Suits	At \$26.75
\$45.00 Overcoats	At \$26.75	\$45.00 Suits	At \$26.75

Sale of Women's Shoes

250 pairs of Women's Shoes, in black vici, velvet kid, box calf or pat. colt; button or lace styles; kid, pat. tip or plain vamp; Cuban or military heels; some with cloth tops; well or turn sewed; values up to \$3.50. At.....\$1.90

Sale of Men's Shoes

200 pairs of Men's Shoes, in black vici kid, box calf or pat. colt; button, lace or Blucher cut; single or double soles; some calf lined; all the new shapes, including the "Potey." Values up to \$4. At.....\$2.35

Sale of Men's Gloves

Broken lines of Men's Gray Mocha heavy out-seam and light Tan Gloves—from our regular lines of \$1.50 and \$2.00. At.....55c

Sale of Men's White Shirts

Men's White Laundered Shirts—well fashioned—with opening at front and back or back only—sizes 16½, 17 and 17½. Regular price \$1.00. Reduced to....45c

Sale of Men's Half Hose

10 dozen Men's Fancy Half Hose—odds and ends of hose which have been selling up to 50c. Reduced to.....19c

Sale of Men's Underwear One-third Off

Our entire line of Men's Winter-weight Underwear we have reduced to the following prices:

50c Garments	33c	\$2.00 Garments	\$1.33
75c Garments	50c	\$2.50 Garments	\$1.67
\$1.00 Garments	66c	\$3.00 Garments	\$2.00
\$1.25 Garments	83c	\$3.50 Garments	\$2.33
\$1.50 Garments	\$1.00	\$4.00 Garments	\$2.67
\$1.75 Garments	\$1.17	\$4.50 Garments	\$3.00

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